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INFO AMCONSUL BELIZE

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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TAGS: EAGR, AORG

SUBJECT: OIRSA INVITATION FOR US MEMBERSHIP

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1. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY CHANGES IN OIRSA FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE BUT THINK THAT A SHIFT IN PROGRAM EMPHASIS OF THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE NOTED AS STRENGTHENING PREVIOUSLY-STATED WASHINGTON AGENCY POSITION AGAINST MEMBERSHIP.

2. AT THE OIRSA MEETING IN SAN JOSE IN NOVEMBER THE MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH NOTED THAT EACH MEMBER COUNTRY HAD PROBLEMS WITH SUPPLIES AND MARKETING OF BASIC FOOD STUFFS AND THAT A JOINT POLICY TO ENSURE AVAILABILITY OF GRAINS THROUGHOUT MEXICO, PANAMA, AND CENTRAL AMERICA SHOULD BE DEVELOPED. APPARENTLY OIRSA IS TO ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPING THE POLICY AND THEN SEEING THAT IT WORKS. THE MINISTERS AGREED TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION'S NAME TO REFLECT THE ADDED RESPONSIBILITY.

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THE NEW NAME, WHEN FORMALLY ADOPTED, WILL BE ORGANIZACION INTERNACIONAL REGIONAL DE PRODUCCION Y SANIDAD ANIMAL (OIRPSA). THE

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN EACH COUNTRY MUST APPROVE A CHANGE IN OIRSA'S CONSTITUTION BEFORE THE NEW FUNCTIONS AND NAME BECOME FINAL.

3. OIRSA HAS ALWAYS HAD DIFFICULTY IN GETTING ITS MEMBER STATES TO PAY THEIR DUES, SO IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THESE NEW ACTIVITIES CAN BE FINANCED FROM INCREASED ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBERSHIP (ALTHOUGH THE DIRECTOR HAS EXPRESSED A HOPE THAT THEY CAN BE FINANCED IN THIS MANNER). WHAT APPEARS MORE LIKELY TO US IS THAT THE FUNDS BEING RELEASED BY USG ASSISTANCE TO PANAMA BORDER FMD CONTROL WILL GO INTO THESE NEW PROGRAMS OF OIRSA. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT WE HAVE NOTHING CONCRETE ON WHICH TO BASE THIS BELIEF, BUT FEEL THAT THE FUNDING HAS TO COME FROM SOMEWHERE AND THAT THIS WINDFALL (SO TO SPEAK) MIGHT BE THE SOURCE.

4. IT APPEARS TO US THAT BY BROADENING ITS INTEREST BEYOND PLANT AND ANIMAL HEALTH OIRSA HAS WEAKENED ITS CASE FOR US PARTICIPATION.  
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